Vote No. 135

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## **BUDGET RESOLUTION/Davis-Bacon Reform**

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1997-2002 . . . S. Con. Res. 57. Santorum second-degree perfecting amendment No. 4032 to the Kennedy modified amendment No. 4000, as amended.

## **ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 99-0**

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. Con. Res. 57, the Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1997-2002, will balance the Federal budget in fiscal year (FY) 2002 by slowing the overall rate of growth in spending over the next 6 years to below the rate of growth in revenue collections. The rate of growth in entitlements such as Medicare, Medicaid, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, and the Earned Income Credit will be slowed. No changes will be made to the Social Security program, the spending for which will grow from \$348 billion in FY 1996 to \$467 billion in FY 2002. Defense spending will be essentially frozen at its present level.

The Kennedy modified amendment, as amended, would add the following statements: "In recognition of the fact that American workers are required to be drug-free in the workplace, it is the sense of the Congress that this concurrent resolution on the budget assumes that the States may require welfare recipients to be drug-free as a condition for receiving such benefits and that random drug testing may be used to enforce such requirements." (see vote No. 133); and "Notwithstanding any provision of the committee report on this resolution, it is the sense of the Senate that the provisions in this resolution do not assume the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act." (see vote No. 134).

**The Santorum amendment** would add the following statement, "Notwithstanding any provision of the committee report on this resolution, it is the sense of the Senate that the provisions in this resolution assume reform of the Davis-Bacon Act."

The Santorum second-degree amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of debate was allowed on the amendment.

NOTE: Following the vote, the underlying amendment, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

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We have offered the Santorum amendment as a compromise between eliminating the Davis Bacon Act, which some Senators prefer, and leaving it untouched, as other Senators prefer. We urge Senators to accept it.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.